



## Shanéé Reid Elected, Summer Lambert Re-elected



**Summer Lambert**

The results of UHP's 2023 officer elections are in — with members voting in **Shanéé Reid** as VP for Membership Activities and returning **Summer Lambert** as Recording Secretary.

Shanéé edged out **Elizabeth Figueroa** in a rematch from last fall's special election that saw Liz win by three votes. This time, Shanée won by a margin of 409 to 369, or 52.6% to 47.4%.

"I would like to thank everyone who took time out to vote" Shanée says. "I'm grateful for the opportunity to be

the Vice President for Membership Activities. With this opportunity I would like to get us back to what UHP was created for, unity, togetherness, laughs, and great times. COVID had us shut down for some time, so I would be using this role to get us back to living and enjoying the company of our peers. I heard the voice of the people and I'm excited to get things rolling!"

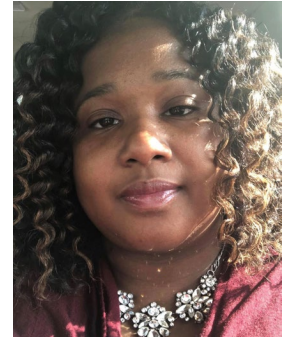
Members voted Summer back in over challenger **Elizabeth Barrientos** by a margin of 436 to 327, or 57.1% to 42.9%.

"I want to say thank you to all who voted and who voted for me to represent our union," Summer says. "It is an honor to be re-elected as your Recording Secretary and I'm looking forward to working with our members for the next three years."

Both will be sworn in for a full three-year term in July.

Voter turnout was 781, representing 28.4% of the eligible membership.

UHP would like to thank the candidates for running, the members for voting, and the Elections Committee for organizing and overseeing the process.



**Shanéé Reid**

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER



#### **Safe Staffing Gaining Steam**

So much to report this month — I'd like to start nationally and move locally.

This year, multiple states have been pushing for safe patient staffing language. We recently got the word that one of our sister unions, the Oregon Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals (OFNHP), reached an agreement with its hospital association and legislators of Oregon for staffing legislation — big movement and great news for health care professionals in Oregon. At the same time, UHP members along with AFT Connecticut and health care workers across the state testified on SB 1067, our safe staffing bill. Testimonies continued until well after midnight, and our bill was voted out of committee. The full House and Senate are next to act. See our events calendar on the back page for ways to get involved and help get this passed.

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**Officer Elections:** More than 700 votes were cast last month for our two contested elections. Every election I'd like to see more members vote, and this year's turnout did not disappoint. I'd like to congratulate all of the candidates and tell them they should all be proud.

Lastly, **evaluation season** is here again. I'd just like to remind everyone that nothing in your evaluation should be a surprise to you. You have the right to write a rebuttal if you are so inclined, just don't take them personally, and do not beat yourself up. No one is perfect.

Happy Spring!

—*In solidarity, Bill Garrity*

## Return of Regional Legislative Meetings



From left: VP Comms Chris DeFrancesco and VP Membership Activities Liz Figueroa listen as President Bill Garrity explains the need for safe patient staffing legislation to Reps. Mike Demicco (D-21<sup>st</sup>, Farmington, Unionville) and Mary Fortier (D-79<sup>th</sup>, Bristol) at the AFT CT regional legislative meeting April 1 in Plantsville. Other lawmakers in attendance that morning included Sen. Matt Lesser (D-9<sup>th</sup>, Cromwell, Middletown, Newington, Rocky Hill, Wethersfield), Sen. Henri Martin (R-31<sup>st</sup>, Bristol, Plainville, Plymouth, Thomaston, Harwinton), and Rep. Chris Poulos (D-81<sup>st</sup>, Southington). It was one of five regional legislative meetings in March and April, which returned this year after a three-year hiatus. To find and contact your lawmakers, see [bit.ly/UHPlawmakers](https://bit.ly/UHPlawmakers).

## ON THE SCHEDULE

### Regional Legislative Meeting

April 15, 12p-2p, Coventry

Details: [aftct.org/Eastern\\_Reg\\_Leg\\_Mtg\\_23](https://aftct.org/Eastern_Reg_Leg_Mtg_23)

### Steward Committee

April 25, 5:30p, UHP office

### 'Safe Patient Limits' Lobby Town Hall

April 27, 7:30 p.m., Zoom

[aftct.org/April\\_23\\_Healthcare\\_Town\\_Hall](https://aftct.org/April_23_Healthcare_Town_Hall)

### Workers Memorial Day

April 28, 12p, Bushnell Park

[ctaflcio.org/events/workers-memorial-day](https://ctaflcio.org/events/workers-memorial-day)

### AFT CT Business Convention

May 6, 8:30a, Foxwoods

[bit.ly/2305AFTCT](https://bit.ly/2305AFTCT)

### Executive Committee

May 8, 5:30p, UHP office

### 'Safe Patient Limits' Lobby Day

May 10, 2p-6p, State Capitol

[aftct.org/May\\_23\\_Safe\\_Patient\\_Limits\\_Lobby\\_Day](https://aftct.org/May_23_Safe_Patient_Limits_Lobby_Day)

### Union Rep Assembly

May 11, 12p, TBD

### 'Compassion Fatigue' Workshop

May 22, 6p, Zoom

[aftct.org/May\\_23\\_HC\\_Compassion\\_Fatigue\\_Wrkshp](https://aftct.org/May_23_HC_Compassion_Fatigue_Wrkshp)

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